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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GTE - A CASE FOR USE OF SECTION 661 OF FAA

REF: SEOUL 8616

1. FURTHER TO SEOUL 8616 REGARDING POSSIBLE AID FUNDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE STUDY ON THE BEST POLICY DIRECTION TO PURSUE IN PLANNING KOREAN TELEPHONE SYSTEM EXPANSION, WE HAVE RECEIVED NEW INFORMATION FROM OUR SOURCE IN THE ECONOMIC PLANNING BOARD.

2. EPB HAS REQUESTED FUNDING FROM THE IBRD AND THE IBRD HAS CONCURRED, INDICATING THE CHOICE OF EXPERTS WAS EPB'S. EPB HAS IDENTIFIED THREE CANDIDATES:

MR. JACK A. BAIRD, VICE PRESIDENT, ENGINEERING, AMERICAN TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH, 195 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N.Y.

MR. IRWIN DORROS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NETWORK PLANNING, BELL TELEPHONE LABORATORIES, HOLMDEL, NEW JERSEY.

MR. S.S. VIGILANTE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SWITCHING SYSTEMS
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ENGINEERING, BELL TELEPHONE LABORATORIES, HOLMDEL, N.J.

HOWEVER, INITIAL CONTACTS INDICATED THAT THESE PERSONS WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

3. EPB STAFF REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING EARLY ARRIVAL OF AT LEAST TWO OF THE ABOVE MEN. IN ADDITION, TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR PER DAY LIMIT ON IBRD-FINANCED FEASIBILITY STUDIES MIGHT NEED TO BE SUPPLEMENTED BY USG, STAFFER SAYS.

4. COMMENT: NOTWITHSTANDING EPB'S EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR AN IBRD-FINANCED FIRST STAGE POLICY REVIEW WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE USE OF SECTION 661 AID FINANCING ALIVE AS A FALL BACK IN CASE A HITCH DEVELOPS IN THE IBRD ROUTE. ACCORDING EPB, ONCE THE PRESENT POLICY COURSE IS OVERTURNED, WITH THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION PROVED WRONG AND INSTRUCTED TO RESTUDY SYSTEM EXPANSION, THEN ANY CONTRACTOR, INCLUDING GTE, WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION STUDY. OUR MAIN CONCERN NOW IS TO MOVE FORWARD RAPIDLY.

5. EPB STAFF NOW INDICATES TWO EXPERTS FOR TWO WEEKS IS ALL THE MANPOWER REQUIRED. THE SCOPE OF WORK WILL BE AS FOLLOWS, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE IN EPB:

"TO ORGANIZE THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO SUPPORT A POLICY RECOMMENDATION THAT:

1. PLAN FOR TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT SHOULD NOT BE DIRECTLY TIED TO THE DOMESTIC ESS-TD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AT LEAST AT THE PRESENT TIME.

2. INTRODUCTION OF PROVEN ELECTRONIC SWITCHING TECHNOLOGY (SPACE-DIVISION ESS) INTO THE NETWORK SHOULD BE MADE AS SOON AS IS PRACTICABLE."

6. ACTION REQUEST: ADVISE URGENTLY.
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